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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Distributed MPLS Architecture

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following space is checked:

was filed on _____ as United States Application Serial Number or PCT International Application Number and was amended on (if applicable) _____.

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PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d)**

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PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S)

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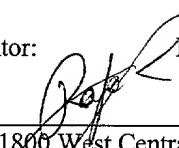
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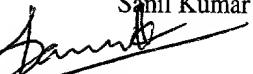
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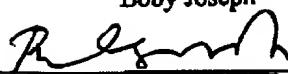
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